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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1937.

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BRIDPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my First Annual Report on the Health of the Borough for the year 1937. I only commenced my duties as Medical Officer of Health for the Area on the 1st November, the post having been vacated in August by Dr. James D. Mackay, who had been Medical Officer since July, 1936. After his resignation in August, Dr. P. Morton acted as temporary Medical Officer of Health from August to the 31st October.

I should like to express my appreciation of the tremendous help given me by Mr. Armstrong, your Sanitary Inspector, since I took up my duties, for the collaboration of the other Officers of the Council, and for the courtesy shown me by all the members of the Council.

I am,

Yours Obediently,

ADAM ARMIT,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in Acres)	686 5
Registrar-General's Estimate of resident population, mid-year, 1937	5,791
Number of Persons per Acre	8.4
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1937) according to Rate Books	1923
Rateable Value	£41,102
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£160

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The town is surrounded by small hills, except to the South, where a road connects Bridport with West Bay one and a half miles distant. West Bay has a small harbour, a short esplanade, and a shingle beach, and stands at the mouth of the river Brit.

METEOROLOGY

BRIDPORT RAINFALL STATISTICS*

	1937	1936	Average for 46 years.
January	4 75	5.39	3.07
February	4.72	2.69	2 24
March	3.96	4 25	2.55
April	2.29	1.69	1 95
May	3.18	0.79	1 90
June	0.98	1.92	1.66
July	3.52	4.57	2.36
August	1.10	0 18	2.70
September ...	3.24	2.59	2.57
October	4.53	1.63	3.85
November ...	2.53	2 56	3.38
December ...	4.07	2.63	4.05
	38 87	30.89	32.28

*By courtesy of the Bridport Water Co.

I can find no statistics regarding hours of sunshine, direction of winds, temperatures, etc.

INDUSTRIES

Chief industries are Net. Twine, and Rope making, Flax and Hemp spinning, manufacture of Oil Engines, Brewing, and Laundry work, and catering for Visitors.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The following figures were kindly supplied by the Employment Exchange, Bridport.

	Men		Women and Juveniles	
	Wholly Unemployed	Temporarily Stopped	Wholly Unemployed	Temporarily Stopped
3/1/38 ...	148	6	17	15
4/1/37 ...	140	10	8	4

PUBLIC PARKS AND PLEASURE GROUNDS

There is a public park of approximately 7 acres, which is used extensively by the schools. At West Bay there is a Municipal Camping Ground of 18 acres. Water is laid on to every part. A permanent building containing 16 water closets and 2 hot spray rooms, is being constructed at an approximate cost of £700. The Camping Ground is close to the West Beach and is supervised by a resident Superintendent. Refuse, deposited in ash bins, is collected daily by the Council. From June 2nd to September 30th there were 1536 tents, 234 caravans, and 1214 cars, on the site. This is an ideal spot for those wishing to spend a holiday in the open.

There is an 18 hole golf course along the top of the East cliffs.

VITAL STATISTICS

		Total	M.	F.	
Live Births	Legitimate ...	51	24	27	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 9.5
	Illegitimate ...	4	3	1	
	Total	55	27	28	
Still Births—Total		4			Rate per 1,000 Total (live and still) Births 67.8
	Legitimate ...		3		
	Illegitimate ...		1		
Deaths...		109	55	54	Crude Death Rate-18.82
					Comparability Death Rate-14.68
					Comparability Factor-0.78

		M.	F.
Deaths from Puerperal causes	0		
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age...		3	3
Legitimate		3	3
Illegitimate		0	0

Infantile Death Rate—109 per 1,000 live births.

INFANTILE DEATH RATE

Age	Sex	Cause
7 months ...	F	Broncho Pneumonia
1 hour ...	M	(a) Congenital Debility
		(b) Delivered by operation (Caesarian Section) on Mother
1 week ...	M	(a) Haemorrhage from Umbilicus
		(b) Icterus Neonatorum
6 months ...	F	Hydrocephalus
1 day ...	F	Prematurity 34 weeks
2 days ...	M	Atelectasis

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	Causes	Males	Females	
1	Typhoid and Paratyphoid ...	—	—	
2	Measles	—	—	
3	Scarlet Fever	—	—	
4	Whooping Cough	1	—	
5	Diptheria	—	—	
6	Influenza	4	2	
7	Encephalitis Lethargica ...	—	—	
8	Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—	
9	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	3	1	
10	Other Tuberculosis	1	—	
11	Syphilis	—	—	
12	G.P.I. Tables	—	—	
13	Cancer	4	11	
14	Diabetes	—	—	
15	Cerebral Haemorrhage	4	4	
16	Heart Disease	19	17	
17	Aneurysm	—	1	
18	Other Circulatory Diseases ...	3	—	
19	Bronchitis	2	—	
20	Pneumonia (all forms)	—	2	
21	Other Respiratory Diseases ...	—	1	
22	Peptic Ulcer	1	—	
23	Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ...	—	—	
24	Appendicitis	—	—	
25	Cirrhosis of the Liver	—	—	
26	Other Liver Diseases	—	1	
27	Other Digestive Diseases ...	1	—	
28	Acute and Chronic Nephritis ...	—	—	
29	Puerperal Sepsis	—	—	
30	Other Puerperal Diseases ...	—	—	
31	Con. Debility. Prematurity ...	3	2	
32	Senility	4	11	
33	Suicide	1	—	
34	Other Violence	1	1	
35	Other Defined Diseases ...	3	—	
36	Ill Defined or Unknown ...	—	—	
37	Diarrhoea over 2 years	—	—	
	Total	55	54	109

COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS

	Bridport	England and Wales
Birth Rate	9.5	14.9
Death Rate	14.7	12.4
Infantile Death Rate ...	109	58
Maternal Mortality Rate ...	0	3.23
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years of age	0	5.8

Heart Disease ...	Was the cause of	33%	Total Deaths
Cancer ...	,,	14%	,,
Senility ...	,,	14%	,,
Cerebral Haemorrhage	,,	7%	,,
Influenza ...	,,	5%	,,
Tuberculosis ...	,,	5%	,,

SECTION B.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Bacteriological work is carried out at the Southern Counties Laboratory at Bournemouth.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

Infectious cases are removed to hospital by the ambulance stationed at the hospital, non infectious and accident cases are removed to hospital by an ambulance stationed at one of the garages in town.

NURSING IN THE HOME.

There is a District Nursing Association employing two full time and one part time state registered nurses who are also qualified midwives. They attended 17 midwifery, 52 maternity, 86 surgical, and 153 medical cases during the year. Their district comprises Bridport Borough and several parishes in the Bridport Rural District. One of the nurses attends at the welfare and ante natal clinic. The County Council make a grant towards the expenses of the association. Number of members paying an annual subscription to D.N.A. 702.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.

Maternity and Child Welfare (under the Dorset County Council).
Clinics held on second and fourth Fridays of the month at the Friends Meeting House. Number of children attending the child welfare centre under one year of age 28. Between one year and five years of age 69.

Orthopaedic Treatment (under Dorset County Council).
Clinic held at County Dispensary, Downes Street, quarterly, on the first Monday of the month. Inter treatment on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

Tuberculosis (under Dorset County Council).
Clinic held first Wednesday of the month, at the County Dispensary, Downes Street. Institutional treatment is arranged for at the Dorset County Home, Parkstone, Royal National Sanatorium, Bournemouth, Weymouth Borough Sanatorium, Beckford Orthopaedic Hospital, Warminster, Children's Orthopaedic Hospital, Bath, Red Cross Children's Hospital, Swanage.

MATERNITY.

Maternity beds are available at the following hospitals :—

Royal Victoria Hospital, Bournemouth.

County Hospital, Dorchester.

Weymouth and District Hospital.

Cornelia Hospital, Poole.

Yateman Hospital, Sherborne.

Salisbury Infirmary.

GENERAL MEDICAL AND GENERAL SURGICAL.

Bridport Hospital has 30 beds divided as follows :—

8 Male beds Medical and Surgical.

8 Women's Surgical.

4 Women's Medical.

2 Maternity.

6 Childrens' Cots.

2 Private Wards.

CHRONIC SICKNESS.

Bedford House, Bridport.

RADIUM TREATMENT OF CANCER (under Dorset County Council).

A consultation clinic is held monthly at the Dorset County Hospital.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

There is an Isolation Hospital in Bridport, administered by a Joint Hospital Board, made up of representatives from the Bridport Borough, Bridport Rural District, Lyme Regis Borough, and Beaminster Rural District. This Hospital has only floor space for 12 beds. 18 beds are required under the County Hospital Scheme. Additional accommodation will have to be found for 6 beds to comply with the requirements of the County Scheme.

SMALLPOX.

No provision for the hospital treatment of this disease has been made.

MIDWIFERY SERVICE.

The number of midwives in the area registered by the County was 7.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER.

Water is piped throughout the Borough and is supplied by the Bridport Water Company which brings the water from Litton Cheney, eight miles to the East of Bridport. The following is the result of an analysis made of the water.

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

Determination.	Parts per 100,000
Free Ammonia	0.0005
Albuminoid Ammonia...	0.0010
Oxygen absorbed at 37°C in 15 minutes ...	0 0690
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, 4 hours ...	0.1477
Nitrates	Nil
Nitric Nitrogen in Nitrates	0.29
Hardness, Temporary	19.0
,, Permanent	3.0
,, Total	22.0
Chlorine	1.9
Total Solids, dried at 180°C	26.8
Free Chlorine	Nil
Free Carbonic Acid	Nil
Metals (lead, copper zinc, iron)	7.6
pH reaction	Slight trace of Iron
Appearance	Colourless and clear
Odour	None

BACTERIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

No. of organisms developing on Agar in 24 hours at 37°C ...	5
No. of organisms developing on Agar in 3 days at 22°C ...	19
Bacillus Coli	Absent in 100c.c.
Streptococci	Absent in 100 c.c.
B. Enteritidis Sporogenes	Absent in 100 c.c.

No regular sampling was taken but the Council have agreed to co-operate with the Bridport Water Company to have one sample analysed per quarter in the future. During December, 23 wells used for domestic supplies were sampled and analysed, 18 of these were found to be polluted. The owners of these agreed to take the Water Companies supply and stop using the wells for domestic purposes.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

All the area is on the water carriage system, the sewage being taken to the sea at West Bay. Nuisances were being created through the inability of the tides to take the sewage out to sea. The Council have agreed to embark on a scheme costing approximately £12,000 whereby the sewage is first chlorinated then led into a sedimentation tank, the effluent from which is led out to sea and the sludge pumped to a tank 300 yards away. It is hoped to complete this scheme during 1938.

418 yards of new drains and 240 yards of new sewers were made during the year. There are approximately 1,980 water closets in the area.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

3,484 loads of refuse representing 1,937 tons were collected from 1,843 dust bins. One 30cwt. motor lorry with a driver and 2 men is employed continually and a 30 cwt. motor lorry is hired 4 mornings per week in the collection of household and trade refuse. 28 tons of tins were salvaged, baled, and sold. The rest of the refuse is burned in the destructor where 2 men are continually employed, and a third works part time. The destructor is 33 years old, and the Council will have to consider in the very near future replacing it. Street cleansing is carried out by 5 road sweepers with street orderly hand carts, 4.31 miles are swept daily, 1.55 miles 3 times weekly, 2.32 twice weekly, and 1.18 once weekly.

SECTION D.

HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year.

1.	a.	Total No. of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ...	33
	b.	No. of Inspections made for the purpose ...	54
2.	a.	No. of Dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ...	29
	b.	No of Inspections made for the purpose	48
3.		No. of Dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	0
4.		No. of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	9

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices.

No. of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 3

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

a. Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

1. No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs 7
2. No. of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—
   - a By Owners 5
   - b By Local Authority in default of owners ... 0

b. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

1. No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... 4
2. No. of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—
   - a. By Owners 4
   - b. By Local Authority in default of owners ... 0

c. Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

1. No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 0
2. No of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 0

d. Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

1. No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... 0
2. No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... 0

4. Housing Act, 1936—Part IV—Overcrowding.

a. 1. No. of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year... 1
2. No. of families dwelling therein ... 1
3. No. of persons dwelling therein ... 9

b. No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year 0

c. 1. No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year 6
2. No. of persons concerned in such cases 29½

d. Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding 0

5. Total No. of new houses erected during 1937 ... 13
No. erected during 1937 with State Assistance ... 0
1. By Local Authority 0
2. By other bodies or persons ... 13
No. of houses owned by Local Authority ... 225
Approximate No. of working class houses in District 1500

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

No. of Persons on Register at end of 1937... 29
No. of Dairy Farms and other dairy premises on Register at end of 1937 9
No. of Dairy Farms inspected during 1937 9
No of Inspections during 1937... 22
No. of Notices served—3. No. complied with 3
No. of Milkshops inspected during 1937 3
No. of Inspections 10
No. of Notices served 4
No. complied with 4

Pasteurized Milk.

There is one pasteurising plant in the Borough.

Milk Analysis.

There were 15 samples submitted for analysis. 66.66% reaching Accredited standard.

ANALYSIS OF MILK SAMPLES FOR 1937

Sample No.	Nature of Sample	No. of Bacteria at 37° per 1cc.	Bacillus Coli present in 0.1 cc. Tubes 1	2	3	0.01 cc. Tubes 1	2	3	Standard Reached	Methylene Blue reaction
1	Raw Milk (Ungraded)	4444,000	x	x	x	x	x	x	—	Reduced in 3 hours
2	,,	1757,000	x	x	x	x	x	x	—	,, 2½ ,,
3	,,	88,000	x	–	–	x	–	–	Accredited	Not reduced in 4½ hours
4	,,	5,600	–	–	–	–	–	–	T.T. & Accredited	,, ,, ,, 4½ ,,
5	,,					x	–	–	Accredited	,, ,, ,, 5½ ,,
6	,,					x	x	x	—	Reduced in 4 hours
7	,,					–	–	–	T.T.	Not reduced in 5½ hours
8	,,	3,300	–	–	–	–	–	–	T.T. or Accredited	,, ,, ,, 5½ ,,
9	,,	4,800	–	–	–	–	–	–	T.T. or Accredited	,, ,, ,, 5½ ,,
10	,,	8,300				–	–	–	T.T. or Accredited	,, ,, ,, 5½ ,,
11	,,	80 000				x	x	–	—	,, ,, ,, 5½ ,,
12	,,	11,600				–	–	–	T.T. or Accredited	,, ,, ,, 5½ ,,
13	,,	2,100				–	–	–	T.T. or Accredited	,, ,, ,, 5½ ,,
14	,,	3,900				–	–	–	T.T. or Accredited	,, ,, ,, 5½ ,,
15	,,	26,000				–	–	–	—	Reduced in 3 hours

66.66% Accredited Standard.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are 3 Registered Slaughter Houses, these together with shops, stalls, and vehicles, and places where food is prepared are regularly inspected.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
No. killed (if known) ...		Not	known		
No. Inspected ...	34	—	—	58	26
All Diseases except Tuberculosis Whole carcases condemned ...	—		—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	2	—	—	1	—
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis ...	5·88%			1·73%	—
Tuberculosis only Whole carcases condemned ...	2	—	—	—	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	1	—	—	—	2
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with Tuberculosis ...	8·82%	—	—	—	11·54%

FOOD AND DRUGS

Thirty-six samples were taken for analysis by the County Council, and the following are the results.

Article	No. of Samples	Genuine	Article	No. of Samples	Genuine
Baking Powder ...	1	Yes	Peas (Tinned) ...	1	Yes
Balsam of Aniseed	1	,,	Paregoric ...	1	,,
Cake ...	1	,,	Pickles ...	1	,,
Castor Oil			Potted Meat ...	1	,,
Pills ...	1	,,	Rum ...	1	,,
Cheese (Cheddar)	1	,,	Suet (Shredded)	1	,,
Chocolate Cake ...	1	,,	Whisky ...	1	,,
Cream ...	3	,,			
Milk ...	17	16 1 No.			
Olive Oil ...	1	Yes			
Lemonade Powder	1	,,			
Liquorice, Comp. Powder of ...	1	,,			

Action taken in adulterated samples.

One sample of milk 5% deficient in fat. Vendor cautioned.

PETROLEUM SPIRIT AND CARBIDE

25 licences were granted for the storage of Petroleum to which the Petroleum Acts apply, also 6 licences to store carbide. Each licence is granted for a period of 12 months.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

The river Brit is polluted from neighbouring Authorities before reaching the Borough; one of its tributaries is polluted by a milk factory in the Borough. Steps are being taken to stop this source of pollution.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

No. of Inspections ...	227		
No. of Informal Notices ...	7	No. complied with ...	7
No. of Statutory Notices ...	7	No. complied with ...	3

SHOPS

No action was found necessary regarding these.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

1 Informal Notice was sent to a factory, the result being satisfactory.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There are none.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

No action was taken.

SCHOOLS

The sanitary conveniences in one school are not too satisfactory.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES

INSPECTION

Premises	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories (Including Factory Laundries)	—	—	—
Workshops (Including Workshop Laundries) ...	47	7	—
Workplaces (Other than Outworkers' Premises) ...	—	—	—
Total ...	47	7	—

DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES

Particulars	No. of Defects. Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	No. of Offences in respect of which prosecutions were instituted.
Want of cleanliness ...	7	7	—	—
Want of ventilation ...	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding ...	—	—	—	—
Want of drainage of floors ...	—	—	—	—
Other nuisances ...	—	—	—	—
Sunitary accommodation: insufficient ...	—	—	—	—
Sunitary accommodation: unsuitable or defective ...	—	—	—	—
Sunitary accommodation: not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—
Offences under the Factory and Workshops Acts ...	—	—	—	—
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse ...	—	—	—	—
Other offences (Excluding offences relating to outwork and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921) ...	—	—	—	—
Total ...	7	7		

NUTRITION

No steps have been taken to increase the knowledge of the public on this subject.

SHELLFISH

There are no layings in the district.

SECTION F.

THE PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The area was fortunate in that there was no epidemic during the year of any notifiable infectious disease; unfortunately there was a wave of Influenza which caused 6 deaths. Up to the present, hospital accommodation has only been provided for such diseases as Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever. I should like to have admitted complicated cases of Measles, Whooping Cough, and Influenza. These cases require skilled nursing which cannot be given in the vast majority of homes, and this is one of the reasons why I advise the adherence to the County Hospital Scheme requiring the provision of 18 beds for the West Dorset Area. At present there is only floor space for 12 beds. This area has made no provision for the accommodation and treatment of Small Pox. No action has been taken during the year to provide artificial imunisation against Diphtheria, nor for the use of Measles Serum for Prophylaxis or attenuation.

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS

There were no cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum notified. No action was taken under the above heading.

TUBERCULOSIS

There were 14 new cases notified during the year, 10 Pulmonary, and 4 Non-Pulmonary. There were 5 deaths, 4 Pulmonary, and 1 Non-Pulmonary. 2 of these cases were not notified as suffering from Tuberculosis.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1937

	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		No-Pulmonary	
Age	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
5—10	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
10—15	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
15—20	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
20—25	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
25—35	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
35—45	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	...
45—55	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
55—65	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65 and over	...	...	..	1	...	...	...	...

The occupations of those who died were, 1 housewife, 1 labourer, 1 hairdresser, and 2 bakers.

CASES NOTIFIED.

DISEASE	Total cases all ages	Under 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 & over	Total cases removed to Hospital	Total Deaths in Hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas	1	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever	10	...	1	...	1	...	5	1	1	..	1	...	...	10	...	...
Enteric Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Fever ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebro-Spinal Fever ...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	. .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malaria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Trench Fever	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dysentry	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Encephalitis Lethargica...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia	6	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	3	1	...	2
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	3	2	...	4	...	4
Non-Pulm. Tuberculosis	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
TOTALS ...	32	–	1	–	1	–	6	2	3	8	4	3	4	15		7

PORT HEALTH.

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING PORT

DURING THE YEAR 1937

		No.	Reg. Tonnage.	No. Defective.	No. Remedied.	No. with Infectious Disease.
Foreign	Steamers ...	1	257	1	1	–
	Motor ...	7	1307	–	–	–
	Sailing ..	–	–	–	–	–
	Fishing ...	–	–	–	–	–
Total Foreign ...		8	1564	1	1	–
Coastwise	Steamers ...	10	1277	–	–	–
	Motor ...	46	5291	–	–	–
	Sailing ...	1	72	–	–	–
	Fishing ...	–	–	–	–	–
Total Coastwise ...		57	6640	–	–	–
Total Foreign and Coastwise ...		65	8204	1	1	–

Imports for the year ... Timber, Gascoal, Oilcake, and Cement.

Exports for the year ... Gravel and Grit.

1 Foreign Ship was found to be verminous. Notice was served on the Master, and the condition remedied. The water supply to the port is sufficient and wholesome.